

## *Insect Criteria*

The criteria developed for the evaluation of insects for listing on the Prohibited or Restricted Invasive Species lists required 6 questions to be addressed from information derived from scientific literature, field observations, and any other credible forms of documentation. When sufficient information to answer the questions was obtained, the ISC completed a criteria sheet (see Appendix F) for each insect. If the answer to all of the 6 questions was “YES”, then the insect qualified for prohibition. The ISC then took a vote to accept or reject the findings. If accepted, the insect species would then be added to the New Hampshire Prohibited Invasive Species List. However, if there was insufficient information to answer all of the questions or one or more questions were answered “NO”, then the insect was put on the New Hampshire Restricted Invasive Species List (Watch list). The criteria questions are as follows:

1. Is the insect non-native to New Hampshire?
2. Is the insect established in New Hampshire?
3. Does the insect have the biological potential for widespread dispersion and rapid establishment in New Hampshire?
4. Is host material available?
5. Does the insect occur in similar climates to New Hampshire?
6. Does the insect negatively affect native species, natural communities, commercial agriculture, forest crop production, or human health?